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Hon. William F. Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Room 222 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: PR Docket No. 94-105: Ex Parte Letters

Dear Mr. Caton:

Our office has had four letters hand-delivered to the offices of Chairman Reed Hundt, and Commissioners Ness, Barrett, and Quello. The letters are all dated March 22, 1995, and were addressed to issues raised in ex parte letters from Daniel William Fessler to Chairman Hundt and Commissioners Ness and Barrett, all dated March 8, 1995.

In accordance with C.F.R. Section 1.1206(a)(1), two copies of the attached letters are hereby submitted to your office.

Sincerely,

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The Hon. Reed Hundt Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 'M' Street, N.W., Suite 814 Washington, D.C. 20554

> Re: PR Docket No. 94-105 (Ex Parte Letters From California Public Utilities Commission)

Dear Chairman Hundt:

This office is counsel of record for the Los Angeles Cellular Telephone Company ("L.A. Cellular") in connection with the above matter. We have been provided with copies of letters dated March 8, 1995, addressed to you and Commissioners Ness and Barrett, from President Fessler of the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC"). The letters refer to a statement made by the CPUC "which does not square with the facts". Indeed, the statement —that a reseller switch test was imminent — had no basis in fact.

Unfortunately, in correcting one misstatement, the March 8 letters make additional assertions which are equally unfactual. L.A. Cellular is the carrier which has been ordered by the CPUC to negotiate terms and conditions for a test of the reseller "switch". L.A. Cellular was not even aware of the request for a test until a Pre-hearing Conference on January 11, 1995. Eight days later (without any briefs having been filed or arguments made), the assigned Administrative Law Judge ordered L.A. Cellular to meet and confer with the resellers with regard to exchanging confidential information and proceeding with the negotiations.

Since then, L.A. Cellular and the resellers have assiduously pursued the goals of the ALJ's January 19 Order. The "meet and confer" session occurred on January 27. L.A. Cellular responded to outstanding data requests on February 1. There was an all-day meeting of personnel representing the resellers, L.A. Cellular, and Ericsson on February 21. The resellers submitted a written,

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The Hon. Susan Ness Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 1919 'M' Street, N.W., Suite 832 Washington, D.C. 20554

> Re: PR Docket No. 94-105 (Ex Parte Letters From California Public Utilities Commission)

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Re: PR Docket No. 94-105 (Ex Parte Letters From California Public Utilities Commission)

Dear Commissioner Barrett:

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